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LETTER DATED 2 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 7 January 1993 (S/25078) in which I reported to the members of the Security Council on the latest developments relating to the implementation of the provisions of the Peace Accords for El Salvador concerning the purification of the Armed Forces (S/23501, Annex Chapter I, Section III).

In that letter I stated that I had asked President Cristiani to take early action to regularize the position of 15 officers in respect of whom the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations had not yet been implemented. I have since raised this matter on a number of occasions with President Cristiani.

On 31 March 1993 I received a visit from Dr. Oscar Santamaria, Minister of the Presidency of El Salvador, who had been sent by President Cristiani to New York to communicate to me the President's plan for regularizing the position of the 15 officers concerned. The following day my comments were communicated to President Cristiani who thereupon revised the plan. It now provides that all the officers concerned will, by 30 June 1993 at the latest, have been placed on leave with pay pending completion of the procedures for their retirement which will take place not later than 31 December 1993. While on leave with pay they will not perform any official functions.

I have again concluded that this arrangement would, when implemented, bring the Government into broad compliance with the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations, though I regret that this will not occur until a date several months later than that foreseen in the Agreements. However, I look forward to being able to confirm to the Security Council, shortly after 30 June 1993, that all the recommendations have finally been put into effect.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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